



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Citizen Workgroup - Meeting 2

Developing Alternatives for Updating the Upper Missouri River Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan (UMRRFMP)

February 23, 2009

8:00 AM - Late Afternoon (*lunch provided*)

MACo Conference Room

PROCESS OBJECTIVES

1. In 6-8 meetings, explore aspects of a fisheries Management Plan for Holter, Hauser, and Canyon Ferry Reservoirs.
2. Within the Workgroup's charter, develop consensus alternatives and recommend those alternatives to FWP.

SESSION OBJECTIVES

1. Refocus based on new factors in the operating environment and "trap lines".
2. Review, discuss, and learn from FWP biological, social, and planning data concerning the Reservoir system.
3. Affirm the Charter and continue development of the collaborative framework.

AGENDA STRUCTURE

Introduction to the session:

- Objectives and agenda review; "housekeeping"
- Brief review of the ground rules/process agreements
- "Ratifying" the January meeting summary
- Member "warm-up" – Sharing individual "agenda statements"

Information sharing/education/Q/A about the Reservoir to include:

- In an overall sense, describe the dynamics of the system?
 - What is the current condition per species and what are their growth rates?
 - What is the age structure of fish in the system?
 - What is the condition of forage including zooplankton? How much forage is needed per fish, what kind, for what size, etc.?
 - How do carp numbers affect balance? How about birds?
 - What is the total population of all fish, forage, micro-organisms, etc.?
 - What is the maximum biomass potential?
- How do we define "healthy fish", a healthy fishery?
- What are your findings from the most recent Fall sampling?
 - What do creels, nets, etc., tell us?
 - What are the effects of slot limits?
 - What are the effects of angler pressure?
- What we need to consider regarding the 2000-2009 Management Plan

Continuing to build the Collaborative Framework:

- Drafting an issue statement
- Refining "interests"
- Drafting guiding principles
- Finalizing important questions

Where do we go from here?